

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
Standing Subcommittee: Budget
Monday, February 10, 2020
8:00 AM***

*Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Ave, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02476*

Open Meeting

Public Comment

Approve minutes of 1/22/2020

FY 21 Budget update

Fee discussion

- *Transportation*
- *Preschool*

Ski team funding

Budget Implications of Student Opportunity Act

Financial reporting discussion

Discussion of changes to Budget Book

Funds update

Old business

New business

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on

the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by Kirsi Allison-Ampe, MD, Chair

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ATTACHMENTS:

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 Minutes	Budget_Subcommittee_draft_minutes_012220.pdf	1 22 2020 Budget minutes

Budget Subcommittee
Arlington School Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22th, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

Attendance

Subcommittee Members: Kirsy Allison-Ampe, Jennifer Susse, Len Kardon
Administration: Rod MacNeal, Assistant Superintendent, Jose Farez School
Accountant, Matthew Janger, AHS Principal, John Bowler, APS Athletic Director,
Steve Angelo, Transportation Director, Julie Dunn
(Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Michael Mason, CFO absent because of family
emergencies)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Public Participation

None

Minutes from 01/09/20 moved for approval by JS, 2nd LK, passed 3-0

Ski Team Funding

Principal Janger and Athletic Director John Bowler gave the committee background about a request from a group of parents to field an AHS ski team. There has been a desire to have a varsity team for several years; it is the only MIAA sport that AHS does not field. However it is a higher cost, lower participation sport, and there is not spare funding, as sports fees only cover about 30% of most sport costs. In the past it has been suggested to field a club team rather than varsity, but this means members cannot participate in MIAA sanctioned events. Mr Bowler also explained that even if AHS was to create a co-op team with another town, under MIAA rules this could only be a temporary solution. The committee asked Mr Bowler to get an estimate for cost at a future meeting, and decided to continue the discussion at our next meeting to allow ski parents to attend and speak to their concerns. There is no current process for evaluation or approval of new sports.

Fees discussion: Transportation, Preschool

Information not available at this time; tabled for future meeting.

FY21 Budget update

- MM was going to send out calculation of available funds but has not yet; committee is uncertain how much is available to use for additions
- Also interest in understanding how APS is doing vs 5y plan, for example “this is what we planned to do, this is what we did” for both FY20, FY21

Financial reporting discussion

Committee reviewed various reports received from other districts as examples.

Preferences:

- would love to see variance in terms of percentage
- Newton narrative
- Footnotes with explanations of what line changes mean
- Columns as seen in Watertown report
- Potentially more roll-ups (less separate information) but don't have specifics

Discussion of changes to Budget Book

Discussed ASBO criteria, examples.

Preferences:

- Quick facts/Facts and Figures (as in Waltham)
- More graphics
- 5 year plan
- 3-5 year outlook
- Maybe comparison to 5 year plan
- Executive summary
- Add info about capital repair, maintenance work done

Focus on Executive Summary this year.

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Meeting adjourned 10am.



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